Navy Region South

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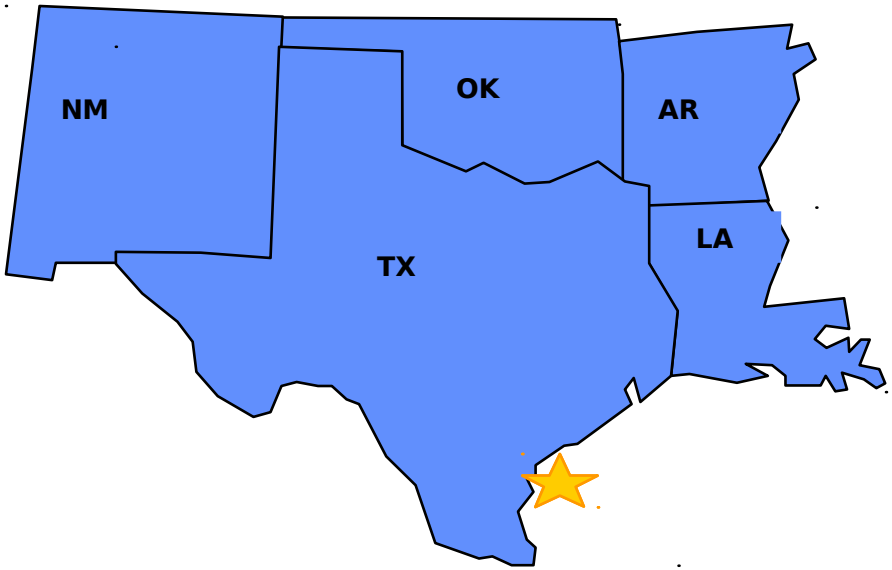
NAS Kingsville NAS Corpus Christi NS Ingleside

"Committed to the Stewardship of the Environment"

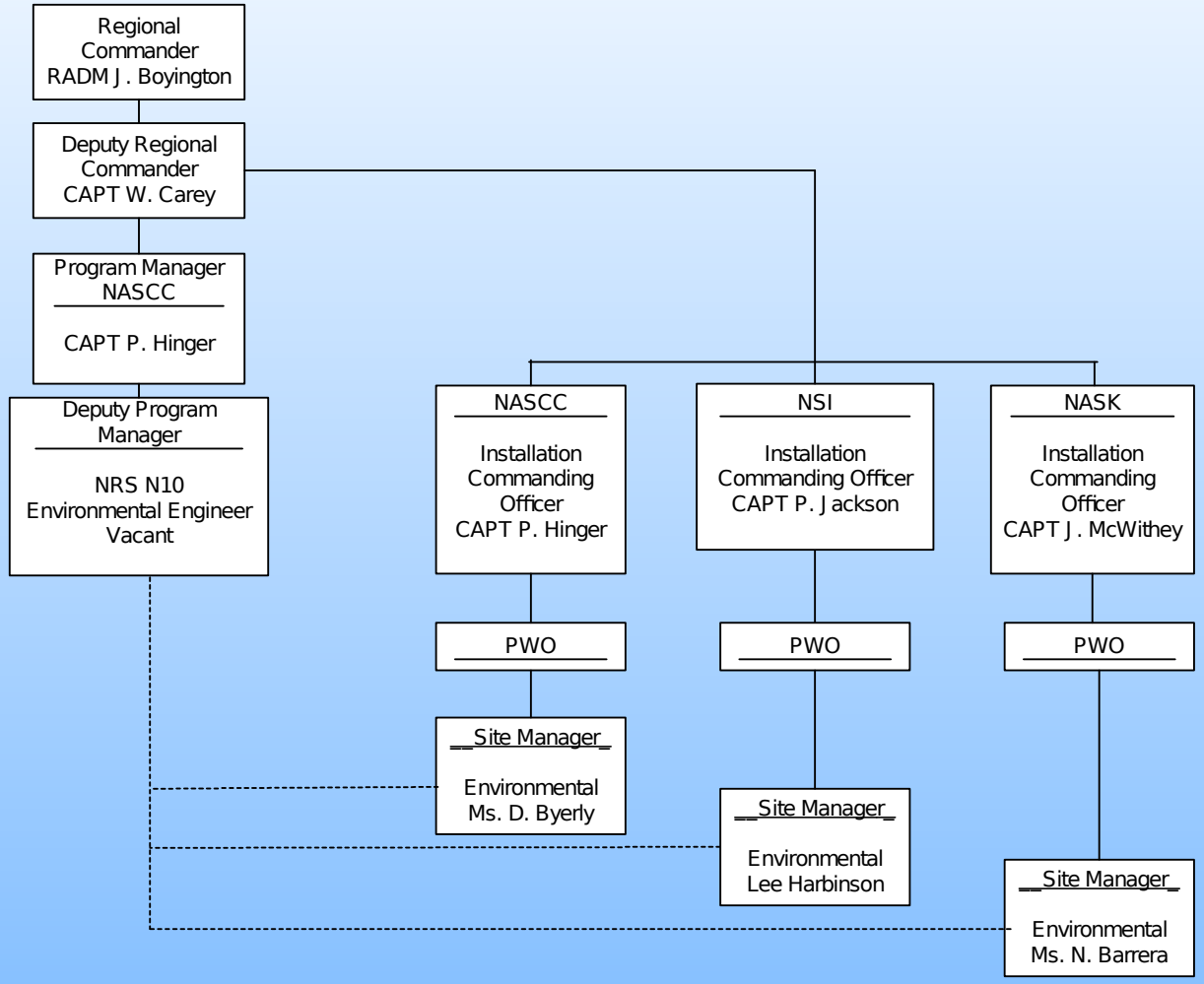
Chief of Naval Air Training / Navy Region South

Regional Commander Area of Responsibility



Regional Commander

Environmental



Budgets

	FY04	FY05
NAS Kingsville	397K	440K
NS Ingleside	1317K	1339K
NAS Corpus Christi	847K	818K
Navy Region South	67K	272K

(Note: Figures taken from CNI datacall

Background and Historic Resources

- World events and 1940s naval aviation
- Flour Bluff region and aviation training
  - Ample flying space over land and open water
  - Flat land and prevailing winds
  - Year round flying weather
  - Deepwater port for supply vessels
  - Ready source for aviation fuels

- June 13, 1940 - NASCC approved for construction
- December 8, 1941 added auxiliary sites
  - Kingsville NAS
  - Chase Field in Beeville
  - 25 additional auxiliary fields
- 35,000 WW II naval aviators winged in coastal bend
- NAS Corpus Christi - “The University of the Air” (1st class started 5 May 1991)
- NS Ingleside - added in the 1980’s

Military Mission and Tenants

- Favorable weather, land, water, and geography support military ops
- NRS has an expanding mission:

Training Components:

Chief of Naval Air Training

Training Air Wing Four (5 Squadrons)

Mine Warfare Training Center

Advanced Jet Training (carrier)

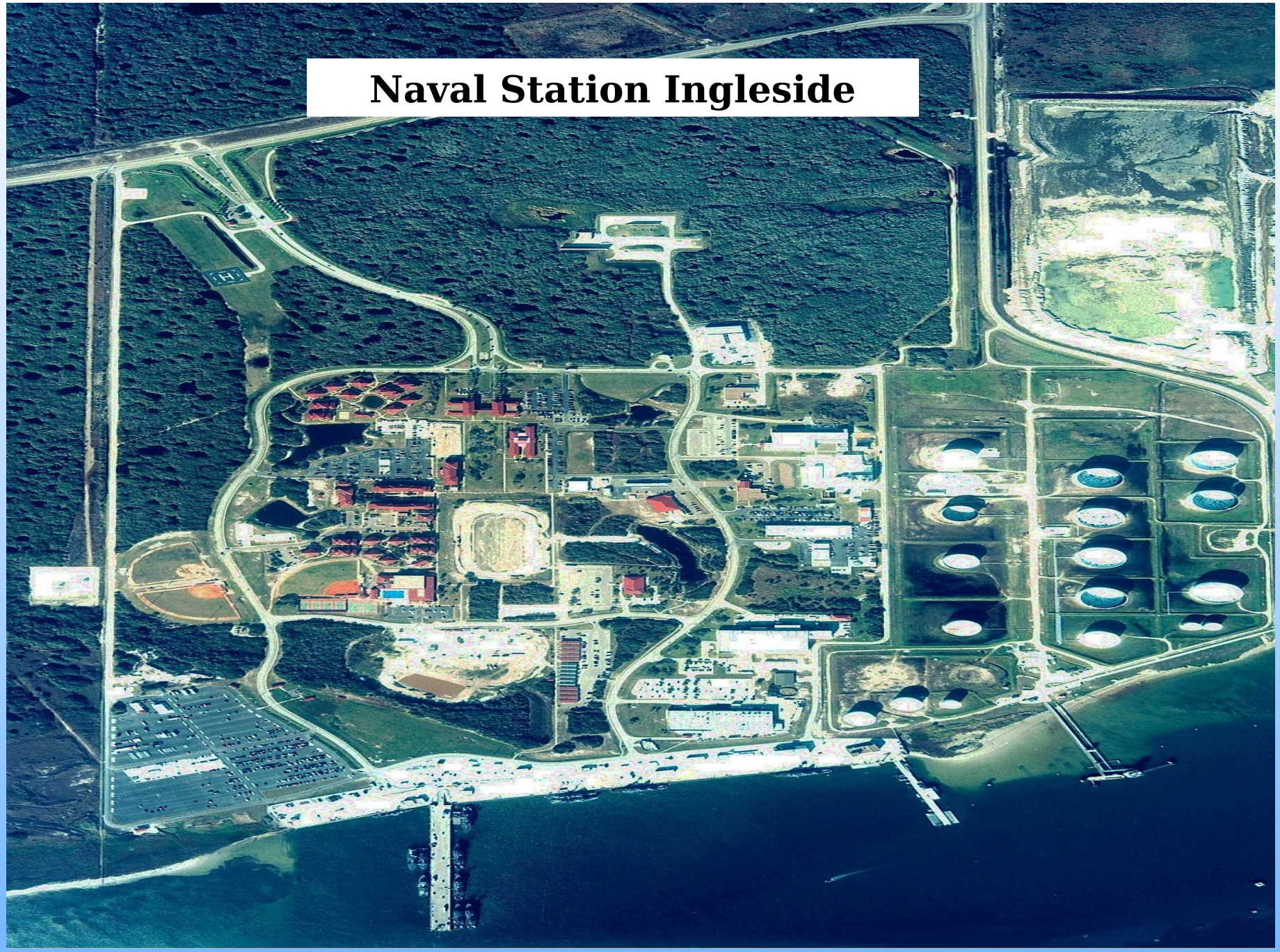
Operational Components:

– Commander Mine Warfare Command
– Coast Guard Air Operations
– Mine Countermeasures Squadrons (3)
– HM-15
– US Customs Air Operations

Industrial:

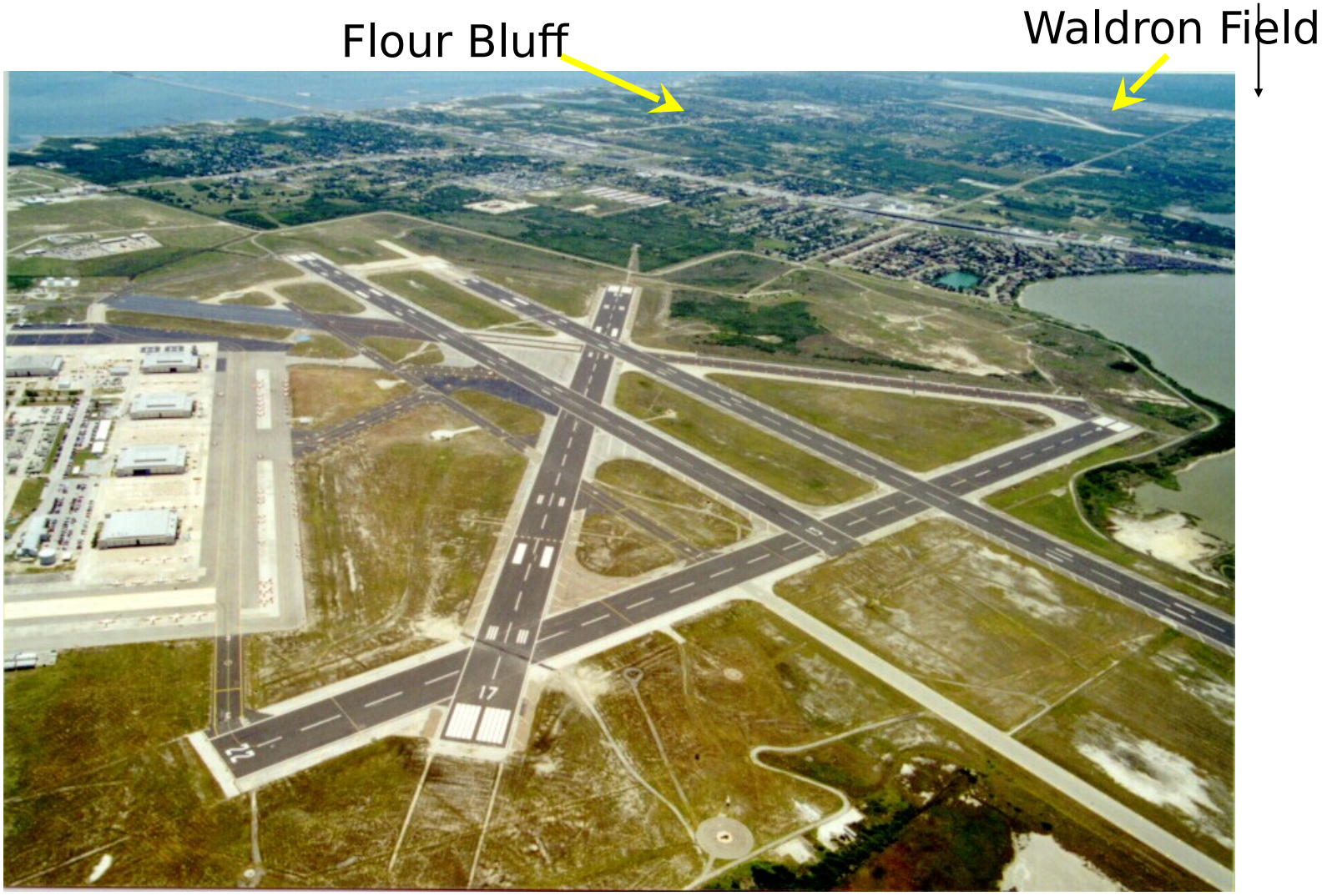
- Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD)

Naval Station Ingleside



Naval Air Station Kingsville

NAS Corpus Christi



Historic Resource Management

- NAS CC - 7 historic districts and one individual building eligible for listing (Over 100 buildings)
- NASK - 4 historic bldgs and 1 structure eligible for listing
- Approved ICRMPS at NASCC and NASK
- PA with TX SHPO at NASCC

Natural Resources

- Coastal Bend - “hostile marine environment”
- Fragile habitat under pressure from development
- Unique species and habitat
  - Maritime pocket gopher
  - Live oak/red bay vegetative community
- Mission master plan and habitat protection
- Migratory and resident bird

Natural Resources

- INRMP in place at 3 bases
- Stewardship by partnering with stakeholders
- South TX partnering group with USFW and TPW
- Management goals and cooperative volunteer activities

Hazardous Waste and Incident Management Programs

- Military operates as industrial activity
- HW generated and managed (large quantities)
- Assets require high volume fuel storage
- Planning includes tropical cyclone impact
- Training and emergency drills provide effective incident response including terrorist and white powder response, hazardous chemical spills, etc.

Installation Restoration Program

- Industrial contamination identified at NASCC
- Chemicals of concern limited to 4 areas
- 1986 - Navy, TX, and EPA began consulting
- Progress was slow; costs were high
- 1998 - Partnering team established with stakeholders including Navy, EPA, TCEQ, contractor, and facilitator

Installation Restoration Program

- Chartered to achieve “faster, better, cheaper” closure
- Tiered partnering team approach where difficulties could be moved to higher level
  - Tier I - Base level
  - Tier II - Management level
  - Tier III - Upper management level

IR Partnering Team Achievements

- NASCC Completed Affected Property Assessment Report (APAR)
- Response Action Plan (RAP) in final preparation stage
- NASCC Tier 1 team mission scheduled to complete in January 2004

Agencies Supported

- Texas A&M Conrad Blucher Institute
- Smithsonian Institute
- Research Institutions
- Texas Parks and Wildlife
- US Fish and Wildlife
- Public Schools

Summary

- Achieve environmental stewardship by going beyond compliance
- Partnering with regulator agencies is effective
- Active involvement with stakeholders and community
- Building success in the future